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DATE: 4 February 1960

FROM : Chief, School of International Communism  
and the USSRSUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report No. 5  
29 January - 4 February 1960**I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS**

None to report.

**II. OTHER ACTIVITIES**

1. LAS has submitted to SIC for review a proposed Moscow Peking Axis course prepared [redacted] My understanding is that the proposed course is also being submitted to prospective consumers in the DDP and ORR for approval, and if approved, will be given this spring. I have a strong feeling that if we pursue this venture very far we all stand to come out discredited. So far as SIC is concerned this is the trickiest, most sophisticated problem in the whole Communist field - in which there are lots of questions, but very few answers at the moment. The program as presented looks reasonable enough on the surface, but if, as I suspect, SIC is expected to take a major share of the load it won't come out as it's described. We are gradually developing a capability to discuss in our present courses Soviet-Chinese relationships in several fields, but we do not have the capability now to do a complete course. I also understand that this is not [redacted] own field of specialization - that he is simply designated to manage the course - and that LAS does not have a capability to contribute very much to the instructional job.

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I am satisfied that SIC is making real progress toward a high-level of professionalism in our courses. I believe this is gradually being recognized. We are not ready, however, to do a professional job on Moscow-Peking Axis and I believe it would be better not to undertake it until we are ready.

2. The only conclusive result of the problem introduced into the Anti-Communist Operations course which finished last Friday, was the general consensus that it was an extremely valuable exercise. The work done on the problem varied from mere consolidation of 201 files to detailed personality and psychological assessment but this was anticipated because the information available on Communist Party personalities of various countries who were the targets, varied enormously. The studies

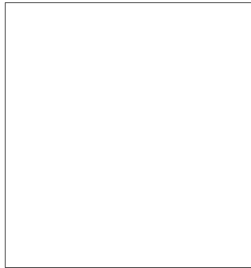
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are being held in CI/ICD and are being utilised as the basis of discussion between the branch and ICD regarding operational action to be taken relative to the target. A cable has already been sent to the field recommending action involving one of the targets. We feel, therefore, that the exercise was a success in that it added to the students' practical knowledge and also provided a working paper in the form of a target analysis which will increase the operational capacity of the desk and ICD.

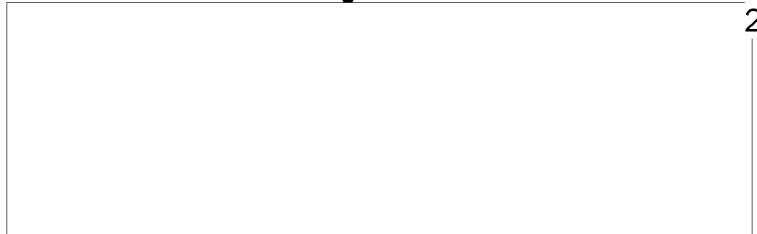
3. Non-Agency Presentations:



3 February - SIS  
"Basis of Communist Thought"

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4 February - SIS  
"Development and Status of CP Organisation" and  
"Communist Movement Today"



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